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## Residents of Southern Israel Express Dismay Over Gaza Ceasefire



An apartment building in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon that was hit by a rocket, on May 5, 2019. Photo: Noam Rivkin Fenton / Flash90.

BY BENJAMIN  
KERSTEIN

After several days of unrelenting rocket fire from the Gaza Strip, residents of Israel's south expressed frustration and anger on Monday with the announced ceasefire and the ongoing stalemate with Hamas.

Hundreds of rockets were fired at Israel over the weekend,

killing four Israelis and critically wounding several others. The IDF responded with major retaliatory strikes in Hamas-ruled Gaza, but a ceasefire declared on Monday appeared to leave things as inconclusive as ever.

The Hebrew news site *Mako* quoted Sderot Mayor Alon Davidi as saying, "Finally, we saw that it is possible to return to the policy of targeted killings and I'm happy that it happened," a reference to

Israel's assassination of Hamas commander Hamad Al Khodori, who was reportedly responsible for transferring Iranian funds to the Islamist terrorist group.

"But yesterday a serious mistake was made," Davidi said of the ceasefire. "Anyone who spoke about deterrence didn't achieve it."

"We will arrive at a situation in two or three weeks where a terrorist may fire at one of our

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## Iran Dismisses US Deployment of Carrier, Bombers to Middle East as 'Psychological Warfare'

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iran's top security body dismissed as "psychological warfare" a US announcement that a carrier strike group and bombers are being sent to the Middle East as a message to Tehran, the semi-official *Tasnim* news agency reported on Tuesday.



The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) April 13, 2019. Photo: US Navy / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Clint Davis / Handout via Reuters.

US National Security Adviser John Bolton said on Sunday the US was deploying the Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group and a bomber task force to the Middle East.

"Bolton's statement is a clumsy use of a burnt-out happening for psychological warfare," *Tasnim* quoted Keyvan Khosravi, spokesman for the Supreme National Security Council, as saying. Khosravi said the carrier had arrived in the Mediterranean weeks ago.

Acting US Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said

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## Opinion.

## Five Practical Steps to Securing Your Synagogue



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The recent attacks on synagogues, churches, and mosques worldwide have highlighted what law enforcement agencies have been warning for some time: houses of worship are soft targets that are under threat. With hate crimes at record highs in the United States, and deadly attacks increasingly making the headlines, houses of worship are scrambling to better secure themselves.

With each attack, our concerns continue to rise. Below are five practical steps that houses of worship can take to quickly improve their security posture:

### 1 - Control your entrance and interior doors.

While it may seem too obvious to be true, the reality is that most attackers come right through the front entrance. Many houses of worship allow for multiple entrances into their facility as a convenience, but the more entrances you have, the more difficult it is to monitor and control them. Stick to one entrance and target-harden your exterior doors. Be sure that all doors in your facility can be quickly locked down without the need for a key. There are very expensive solutions to make this happen (like automatic lock-down systems), but there are also some very affordable ones that meet fire code and effectively get

the job done. In an attempted active shooter attack at a Kentucky church last October, the shooter tried to enter through its front doors but they were locked. He consequently left the facility to attack elsewhere (a grocery store). Everyone inside the church was unharmed.

### 2 - Train your greeters and all congregants.

While many houses of worship are moving toward armed security (see number five), the reality is that most of these guards do not know who belongs and who does not. However, members of your community and congregation do know who belongs. Having volunteers from the community that can greet newcomers, but also quickly assess and identify oncoming threats, and lock down their doors if need be, is a simple action that can save lives and avert a tragedy. There are many professional and nonprofit organizations out there that have specific expertise in training their greeters. Understanding that civilians can and should fight back if attacked must become a stronger narrative in the Run-Hide-Fight conversation.

### 3 - Control your egress.

Adhering to the Run-Hide-Fight concept (or some variation) to deal with active shooters requires that you be able to effectively evacuate. Too many houses of worship have hallways and alleyways that are full of clutter and emergency exits that do not effectively open and close. Check your doors to make sure they are working properly and locking properly. Don't let maintenance prop them open or leave their supplies in the way. Develop a policy to regularly check

these doors prior to larger religious and social events on a weekly or daily basis. In the Tree of Life synagogue attack in Pittsburgh, congregants credited their recently cleared exits with allowing safe passage out of the building when the shooting began.

### 4 - Control your messaging.

There are two parts to this. The first part is, you must have the ability to quickly and effectively communicate to both members of your house of worship as well as law enforcement so that everyone knows there is an emergency in progress. Every second counts in an active shooter event, and notifying the right people is key to saving lives. Secondly, nearly all attackers conduct some surveillance on their target facility beforehand, and exhibit signs of their intended activity prior to launching their attack. Much of this is done online. Be careful posting photos, schedules, and blueprints of your house of worship online without it being password protected. Don't give out the information on the phone without verifying who you are speaking to. And monitor your social media accounts for any hateful messages.

### 5 - Invest in armed security.

If you are concerned about active shooters, remember that it helps to bring a gun to a gun fight. Having an armed response to an attacker with a gun is one of the most effective things you can do both to prevent an attack in the first place and from stopping it quickly if one does occur. Regardless of where you stand on gun control in America, the statistics speak for themselves on guns stopping active shooters. When you have an armed guard on



A candlelight vigil is held at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church for victims of the Congregation Chabad synagogue in Poway. April 27, 2019.  
Photo: REUTERS/John Gastaldo.

site they will usually be able to stop the attack before the police arrive. That saves lives. Just make sure the guards are properly trained, know the laws, and ideally are off-duty or retired law enforcement.

Establishing proper security while fulfilling the mission of remaining warm and inviting is a delicate balance. But it can be accomplished with a combination of human capital, financial capital, and careful planning. We thankfully live in an overall very safe society, but we as a community can and should take steps to improve our security and protect our loved ones.

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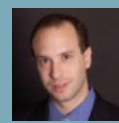
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## After Poway, We Must Unite and Stop the Hatred



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The article below is adapted from remarks delivered at Chabad of Manhattan's Upper West Side on May 4 about the recent shooting in Poway, California.

We must stop the hatred.

I don't mean the hatred our enemies have for us.

Our enemies have always hated us.

And realistically, they always will.

I mean the hatred we show for each other.

In a weekend that saw the tragic shooting at Chabad San Diego and odious antisemitic cartoons in *The New York Times*, this is what I saw on my Facebook feed:

Jews blaming other Jews for the bloodshed.

"If you support Trump — I'm looking at you, right-wing Jews — this is on you," said one.

"If you support the Democrats ... and still pay to read *The New York Times*," wrote another to her mostly Jewish audience, "you have Jewish blood on your hands."

We have gone too far.

For shame.

Do you know who blames the Jews for Jewish blood?

Listen to Adolf Hitler's last political will and testament: "It is untrue that [Germany or I] wanted the war in 1939. It was desired

and instigated exclusively by [international Jewry]."

Enough!

Will you give the enemy the satisfaction of seeing us repeat the lies — that we are responsible for Jewish blood?

Is your commitment to your political position so strong that you will give the enemy what they so desperately want, and let our people be ripped apart?

My father survived the Holocaust and somehow managed to see the best in people.

How about you? Can you see your fellow Jew that way?

Can you look at a Jew who votes for Trump and understand that they have seen the Star of David burning outside the Democratic National Convention? Can you understand that they have concluded that our most dangerous enemies are those on the



A crowd watches the funeral for Lori Gilbert-Kaye, the sole fatality of the Saturday synagogue shooting at the Congregation Chabad synagogue in Poway, north of San Diego, California, April 29, 2019. Photo: Reuters / John Gastaldo.

left, as they hide their antisemitism behind their anti-Zionism and seek to delegitimize, demonize, and apply double standards to the world's only Jewish state?

Can you look at a Jew who votes Democratic and understand that they have heard "Jews will not replace us" chanted in Charlottesville? Can you understand that they have concluded that our most dangerous enemies are those on the right, who celebrate a culture of assault rifles and see us and many others as foreigners with no right to be on American soil?

We are divided in how each of us assesses which is the bigger threat.

But we do not deserve each other's scorn.

In the name of my father, I ask you to treat your fellow Jews with respect.

Look at where we are. Think about this shul, this movement. Think about Chabad.

I've heard it said that no matter where you are in your Judaism, everyone who is less observant than ourselves seems to us to be an outright assimilated person, barely recognizable as Jewish. And that everyone who is more observant than ourselves seems like a religious zealot.

But have you ever felt that way in Chabad? Have you ever felt anything other than full acceptance of who you are? Have you ever felt anything other than these wonderful people's willingness to meet you where you are — the gentle way in which they ask you to do just one more mitzvah that is within your reach?

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## World News.

# From Major to May, All Living UK Prime Ministers Endorse New Holocaust Memorial

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

British Prime Minister Theresa May was joined by all her living predecessors in the office on Tuesday as she voiced strong support for a new Holocaust memorial in the heart of London.

May, along with former Labour Party Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown and Conservative Prime Ministers John Major and David Cameron, endorsed in a video message the project for a National Holocaust Education and Memorial Center alongside the Houses of Parliament in Westminster.

In the message, May declared that by building the Holocaust center alongside Parliament, “we make a solemn and eternal promise that Britain will never forget what happened in the Holocaust.”

Pointing to the persistence of antisemitism after the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis, May added: “Seeing this through is a sacred, national mission. In the face of despicable Holocaust denial, this memorial will stand to preserve the truth forever.”

A similar observation was made by Blair, in what some observers saw as a barely-veiled reference to the antisemitism scandals that have plagued Labour since far-left MP Jeremy Corbyn became party leader in 2015.

“Antisemitism and hate did not end in



A computer-generated image of the proposed new Holocaust memorial by the Houses of Parliament in central London. Photo: Adjaye Associates & Ron Arad Architects.

1945,” Blair said. “Unfortunately today some of this poison is back from the political fringe to parts of the political mainstream.”

Blair emphasized that it was “absolutely right that this new national memorial is situated right next to Parliament. So we can show what happens when racism and prejudice go unchecked.”

The project has not been without its opponents. Its planned location in Victoria Tower Gardens, overlooking the River Thames, has drawn criticism from heritage groups, including Historic England and The Royal Parks, which looks after the site. The groups have complained that a memorial would obscure postcard views of the Palace of Westminster and restrict the public space in the area.

# Group of UN Ambassadors Visit Rocket-Battered City of Ashkelon

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A group of UN ambassadors toured Ashkelon on Tuesday, shortly after the southern Israeli city was a target of a two-day rocket assault by Gaza Strip-based terrorist groups.

The delegation — led by Israeli UN envoy Danny Danon — visited the home of Moshe Agadi, who was killed by a rocket on Saturday, and a damaged school.

“We arrived in Ashkelon to offer strength to the residents of the south and to show the world what Hamas aggression looks like,” Danon said. “The time has come for the Security Council to designate Hamas as

a terrorist organization, one that commits double war crimes and exploits the people of Gaza as human shields. This will be the next measure we bring to the UN.”

Latvia’s ambassador to the UN, Andrejs Pildegovics, noted, “We are here to learn more about the damage and the humanitarian situation on the ground. We are all very concerned and hope for de-escalation. We also express our hope for political dialogue that will bring about peace.”

Ashkelon Mayor Tomer Glam said, “The city has suffered a severe blow from this latest escalation. This is a reality that is unacceptable and unlivable.”

nor capable” with respect to an attack on Iran, the semi-official news agency ISNA reported.

Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehghan said Washington would have a hard time convincing world opinion and regional countries to accept an all-out war against Iran, and to mobilize resources for such a conflict.

Iranian newspapers and commentators have widely dismissed Washington’s announcement as a “bluff” and “empty rhetoric.”

Iran said last month it was prepared for a US decision to end waivers granted to

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on Monday he had approved dispatching the carrier strike group and bombers due to indications of a “credible threat by Iranian regime forces.” He provided no details of the underlying intelligence.

Iran’s state-run *Press TV* earlier said: “The deployment seems to be a ‘regularly scheduled’ one by the US Navy, and Bolton has just tried to talk it up.”

Separately, a military adviser to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the US was “neither willing

# Saudi Intellectuals and Journalists Support Israel, Slam Hamas, Blame Iran for Latest Gaza Violence



Palestinians try to extinguish a fire in the car of a Hamas commander who was killed in an Israeli air strike, in Gaza City, May 5, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ashraf Abu Amrah.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Several prominent Saudi journalists and intellectuals expressed support for Israel during the latest Gaza flare-up last weekend, and blamed Iran for the outbreak in hostilities.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad fired hundreds of rockets at southern Israel over a two-day span, nearly provoking an all-out war. Israel responded with retaliatory air strikes and assassinated a top Hamas commander who was reportedly a conduit for Iranian funds. A cease-fire went into effect early Monday morning.

According to translations by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), prominent Saudi intellectual Dr. Turki Al-Hamad blamed the violence on Iran and Turkey, both regional rivals of Saudi Arabia.

“It’s a repeating loop: rockets [are fired] from Gaza into Israel, Israel bombs [Gaza], someone or other mediates, the fighting stops — and the common Palestinian folks pay the price,” he wrote. “This is ‘resistance,’ my friend. Iran and Turkey are in trouble, and the Palestinians are paying the price.”

Another Saudi, Mut’ab Al-Jabrin, responded to Al-Hamad with an attack on Hamas, saying, “Since the Hamas coup and its takeover of Gaza, the [Gaza] Strip has been suffering mismanagement which has caused [its residents] to lose even the most basic services, [namely] power and water.”

“[All this is] due to the foolish policy of Hamas, which does nothing but fire a few rockets that fall even before they reach their target, and which achieve no balance [of

power] and exert no political pressure,” he added. “It ends with Israeli strikes that destroy the Gaza Strip’s infrastructures.”

Saudi journalist Muhammad Aal Al-Sheikh, of the Al-Jazirah newspaper (not the Qatari news network), explicitly blamed Iran for the violence, writing, “The Persian ayatollahs have instructed their servants, Hamas, to escalate [the conflict] with Israel, and they obeyed. The result is seven Palestinians dead, versus one Israeli wounded.”

Four Israelis were in fact killed by the Hamas rockets.

Referencing US President Donald Trump’s continuing campaign to put more sanctions on Iran, Al-Sheikh said, “The Persians are tightening the pressure on the US and Israel in retaliation for Trump’s decision, and the victims are the people of Gaza.”

Saudi intellectual and former director of the Middle East Center for Strategic and Legal Studies in Jeddah, Abd Al-Hamid Al-Hakim, wrote strongly in support of Israel and also blamed Iran, writing to Israelis, “Our hearts are with you. May Allah protect Israel and its people.”

“We will not let the treacherous hand of Iran and its agents in Gaza reach the Israeli people,” he added.

“It’s time to say this out loud: confronting the terror of Hamas is the responsibility of all the countries in the region and of the international community [as a whole], not only of Israel,” Al-Hakim asserted. “I say to the Arabs...: Do you want these murderers and agents of Iran to rule Jerusalem?!”

buyers of Iranian oil, as the elite Revolutionary Guards repeated their threat to close the strategic Strait of Hormuz in the Gulf if Tehran was barred from using it. Around 30 percent of the world’s seaborne oil exports get shipped through the strait.

While neither Shanahan nor Bolton elaborated on the gist of US intelligence, other American officials told *Reuters* there were “multiple, credible threats” against US forces on land, including in Iraq, by Iran and proxy forces and at sea.

Last week, President Donald Trump’s administration said it would end waivers for countries buying Iranian oil in an attempt to reduce Iran’s crude exports to zero following

Washington’s withdrawal from world powers’ 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran.

The administration also blacklisted Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guard Corps.

US-Iranian tensions escalated further after Washington acted on Friday to force Tehran to stop producing low-enriched uranium and expanding its only nuclear power plant. Washington’s step intensified a campaign aimed at halting Tehran’s ballistic missile program and curbing its regional power.

Iran will revive part of its halted nuclear program in response to the US withdrawal from the nuclear accord but does not plan to pull out of the agreement itself, state media reported on Monday.

## World News.



Turkish pro-democracy activists at a rally for press freedom in Istanbul. Photo: Reuters / Osman Orsal.

## Smarting From Criticism as World's 'Worst Jailer of Journalists,' Turkish Government Tries to Shift Focus to Israel Over 'Press Freedom'

BY BEN COHEN

Smarting from international criticism on World Press Freedom Day over their country's continuing status as "the worst jailer of journalists in the world," senior Turkish officials attempted to shift the opprobrium toward Israel over the weekend, as they bitterly accused the Jewish state of violating "press freedom" in its military response to rocket attacks from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

A building housing the Anadolu news agency — Turkey's official mouthpiece — was struck by Israeli jets on Saturday, as the IDF launched targeted strikes upon Gaza in response to hundreds of rocket barrages on Israeli population centers. Though no casualties were incurred during the strike, several of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's cohorts charged that Israel had committed a "war crime" by attacking the "freedom of the press."

Fahrettin Altun — who serves as the Turkish leader's communications director — demanded on Twitter that "all governments that claim to defend press freedom, including @USEmbassyTurkey, join us in condemning the Israeli government."

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu declared that the strike on the Anadolu offices was a "new example of Israel's unrestrained aggression," while Vice President Fuat Oktay paid explicit tribute to the state-run agency's role in "broadcasting the voice of the oppressed Palestinian people to the world."

Palestinian officials strongly echoed the Turkish government line, advancing the conspiracy theory that Israel had bombed the agency's offices in order "to remove witnesses and prepare for the massacres of Israel against Gaza," said Ibrahim Melhem, a Palestinian spokesman. Despite this claim, as of Monday, Anadolu's Gaza correspondent, Ali Abo Rezeg, continued to file fresh dispatches from the embattled territory.

Turkey's invocation of the principle of press freedom in its verbal lashing of Israel came just two days after the country's Consti-

tutional Court rejected appeals for the release of nine leading journalists currently imprisoned by Erdogan's regime.

The group — which includes Murat Sabuncu, the former editor-in-chief of top daily Cumhuriyet, Ahmet İnk, a pioneering investigative journalist, and veteran writer Nazlı Ilıcak, one of the leading female voices in the Turkish media — will continue to be incarcerated after more than three years already spent behind bars, along with nearly 200 other journalists who have also run afoul of Erdogan.

In a statement marking World Press Freedom Day, which fell on May 3, the Stockholm Center for Freedom (SCF) — a Swedish-based human rights NGO focused on Turkey — said that Turkey "remains the worst jailer of journalists in the world."

The SCF noted that "191 journalists and media workers were in jail [in Turkey] as of May 3, 2019."

Of those in prison, the group said, "95 are under arrest pending trial and 96 have been convicted and are serving their time." Additionally, "detention warrants are outstanding for 167 journalists who are living in exile or remain at large in Turkey," the group added.

"The Erdogan government imprisons MORE journalists than the rest of the world's governments combined," the SCF declared.

Other international press freedom organizations similarly excoriated Erdogan's abuse of the media.

"The rule of law is a fading memory in the 'New Turkey' of paramount presidential authority," noted Reporters Without Borders in its 2019 World Press Freedom Index, which ranked Turkey at a lowly 157 out of 180 countries.

"Censorship of websites and online social media has reached unprecedented levels and the authorities are now trying to bring online video services under control," the NGO observed.

at Jerusalem; but we will continue to hit your highest officials and we will not hesitate."

Ordinary residents also expressed frustration and even rage at recent developments.

"This is a government of disgrace and failure," said a resident of Kibbutz Kerem Shalom. "Hamas and the government of Israel are playing a game of, 'Whose is bigger,' and

## French Jews Furious as Notorious Antisemite Dodges Jail Time for Holocaust Denial

BY BEN COHEN

French Jews reacted with fury on Tuesday after the Paris public prosecutor overturned a historic decision reached last month to sentence one of the country's most notorious Holocaust deniers to a year in jail.

Far-right activist Alain Soral — who has earned several previous convictions for hate speech and Holocaust denial without being incarcerated — had been sentenced to twelve months behind bars on Apr. 15, after he was found guilty of publishing an article that denied the Holocaust on his website, "Égalité et Réconciliation" ("Equality and Reconciliation").

But on Tuesday, the Paris public prosecutor's office overruled that decision, arguing that the court sentence had wrongly applied the criminal code and was unlawful.

Many of the individuals and groups that hailed Soral's original sentencing as a sea-change in the approach of French courts to antisemitic agitation angrily denounced the decision to spare him from actual jail time.

In an editorial published on the website of French Jewish communal organization CRIE, its president, Francis Kalifat, argued that the public prosecutor's decision required "an explanation of the inexplicable."

Kalifat asserted that the rising climate of antisemitism in France and Soral's record as a repeat offender meant that a custodial sentence was both "legitimate" and "necessary."

"It does not depart from the canons or the principles of criminal justice; it is the illustration of it," Kalifat wrote.

Both Soral and the antisemitic comedian with whom he partners, Dieudonné M'balá M'balá, were "the undisputed stars of this sinister



French far-right advocate and Holocaust denier Alain Soral. Photo: Twitter.

market of hatred" toward Jews, Kalifat said.

In a statement published by the periodical *Le Nouvel Observateur*, four prominent anti-racist activists quipped darkly that Soral would now feel "as happy as an antisemite in France."

The group, which included Sacha Ghozlan, president of the Union of Jewish Students of France (UEJF), argued that the belief that French law was being faithfully applied in Soral's case was effectively a surrender to his extremist views.

"Believing to protect the law, we end up protecting racists and antisemites from any effective punishment...by organizing their impunity," they wrote.

The statement noted that antisemites, racists and Holocaust deniers were rarely sentenced to prison in France, pointing out that Robert Faurisson — France's most outspoken Holocaust denier until his death last October — "died without having ever known a single day's imprisonment."

Along with a severe increase in antisemitic hate speech on the internet and in many public locations, French Jews experienced a 74-percent rise in violent attacks during 2018, according to official government figures.

the residents are the ones getting hurt."

A resident of Kibbutz Nirim was equally outraged, saying, "This is a morning of crisis and shame. After 700 rockets, four dead, and three critically wounded ... you chose to fold, to manage the conflict as a situation in which they will continue to burn our fields every other day, explosive balloons, border infiltrations, snipers 100 meters from the border fence."

Ongoing riots on Israel's border with Gaza have seen terrorists launching incendiary balloons and other devices into Israeli territory, causing millions of dollars in damage to local agriculture. There have also been numerous attempts to infiltrate southern Israel.

"This is a ceasefire to serve Eurovision," the resident asserted. "A white flag before a group of murderers."

Many analysts have said that Israel did not go to war against Hamas this time because the Eurovision song contest is slated to take place in Tel Aviv later this month.

Baruch from Ashkelon told *Yediot Ahronot*, "I think this is a failure for Netanyahu and I am sorry I convinced people to vote for him."

Referring to the bodies of Israeli soldiers and two living Israelis held by Hamas in Gaza, Baruch asked, "What did we get? The soldiers' bodies? The prisoners? No. We got 700 rockets and terrified children. We didn't sleep at night for two days, we didn't work, and we hid in our homes, and what did Netanyahu do? Arrived at a ceasefire with them."

"Gaza decides when to start a war and when to stop it," he stated.

Shula, a Sderot resident, said, "There's tension and fear in the air. We had a very hard

few days."

"I don't believe in this ceasefire," she noted. "We always have hope, this isn't the first time, and we've lived with this reality for so many years, but the scope of the latest round was unusual even for us."

In the meantime, students began to return to school, though Hebrew news site *Walla* reported that, in one Sderot school, only 20 percent of students arrived for morning classes.

Many of the children spoke about their experiences.

"There was a red-alert siren and we did not have protection," said a first-grader. "I lay down with my family on the sidewalk and covered my head with my hands."

Another student talked about being forced to stay in a fortified room, saying, "I'm tired of sitting there all day, it's hard."

A mother whose children attend the school said, "This is a strange return to routine. We were sure there would be a long battle, but it's always good to get back to normal."

"It was very difficult to get the children organized this morning," she added. "We hope, of course, that the quiet will continue, but the fear still exists."

"We're sure they will come back," she said of the rocket attacks.

School director Dina Huri said, "The important thing that needs to be done after an escalation is dialogue, to examine every child and their personal story. We have to be a place that listens."

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soldiers, and we'll be back on the same merry-go-round," he added.

"If I were prime minister," Davidi asserted, "I would have said to Hamas and Islamic Jihad: 'You want to shoot at Tel Aviv, shoot at Tel Aviv; you want to shoot at Jerusalem, shoot

## U.S. News.

# Williams College President Expresses Disappointment Over Rejection of Pro-Israel Club, While Advocates Urge Stronger Action

BY SHIRI MOSHE

The president of Williams College in Massachusetts spoke out on Friday after student leaders denied recognition to a Zionist club over objections to its mission, while off-campus advocates urged greater action.

President Maud Mandel said she was “disappointed” that the College Council (CC) failed “to follow its own processes and bylaws” by voting 13-8 on April 23rd against allowing the Williams Initiative for Israel (WIFI) to become a registered student organization (RSO).

WIFI’s leaders said the club is meant to promote a diversity of viewpoints on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and provide a space for students who believe in Israel’s right to exist. It seeks to “support Israel and the pro-Israel campus community,” and celebrate Jewish and Israeli holidays.

Critics of the club opposed granting it RSO status — which would make it eligible for benefits including funding — due to its refusal to take a stance on certain issues related to Israel’s conflict with the Palestinians, such as the blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip and the control of lands claimed by Palestinians.

It is believed to be the first time in over a decade that the CC voted against recognizing a club that complied with its bylaws. An anti-Zionist club that focuses on these issues, Students for Justice in Palestine, has already been recognized as an RSO.

Mandel acknowledged that the decision against WIFI “was made on political grounds,” marking a departure from the CC’s “own process for reviewing student groups, which at no point identifies a proposed group’s politics as a criterion for review.”

“The decision also seems to be in tension with CC bylaws, especially Article V, Section 3: ‘Prohibition Against Discrimination in Student Organizations,’” she wrote.

College leaders told WIFI organizers “that the club can continue to exist and operate without being a CC-approved RSO,” she noted, calling it “a basic matter of fairness and people’s right to express diverse views.” WIFI will still have access to “most services available to student groups, including use of college spaces for meetings and events.”

The group will, nonetheless, not be eligible to receive base funding from the CC, which oversees the allocation of a roughly \$500,000 annual budget drawn from student tuition.

“However, non-CC organizations may still request ad hoc funding from CC for specific events and programs,” Rabbi Seth Wax, Jewish chaplain at Williams College, told The Algemeiner.

Solly Kasab, one of the student leaders of WIFI, explained that while RSO status had an impact on funding, as well as “certain privileges regarding room reservation and advertising,” it also meant “that all budget requests would be scrutinized heavily and external funding restricted or even denied entirely.”

“Not being an RSO means that WIFI can accept and use external funds without restriction by the student government, as well as money from academic and administrative departments,” added Kasab, who also serves as the CC’s Spring 2019 vice president of communications.

He shared reservations about appealing the decision against WIFI, pointing to the result of its first request, and noted the support the club had received from some peers — “even those who do not agree with the mission of the group,” but who found the CC’s decision “appalling.”

“[We’ve] seen support from peers who have come in to CC to speak as well as through direct conversation,” Kasab said.

The incident also drew input from leaders of the off-campus Academic Engagement Network (AEN), who in a Friday email to Mandel expressed concern over the lack of transparency surrounding the CC vote against WIFI.

The minutes of the April 23rd meeting and the vote were both anonymous, while a livestream recording of the proceedings was not aired, all in departure from usual standards.

“According to media reports of the CC meeting and the statements of opponents, it is clear that the rejection of WIFI’s RSO application was based purely on political opinions regarding its mission,” AEN leaders wrote.

“While not a public university bound by the First Amendment, Williams College is nonetheless obligated to adhere to its own stated principles and policies” on free speech, they

added. “Consequently, we urge you to take immediate action to reverse the decision of the CC and to give WIFI the RSO recognition that it deserves.”

In a separate letter on Sunday, leaders of the Israel education and advocacy organization StandWithUs said they were disappointed by Mandel’s comment that WIFI will still be able to operate without RSO status.

“This position sidesteps the greater issue and whitewashes the problem with the Council’s actions,” the group wrote. “WIFI complied with all procedures required to form an RSO and therefore should receive such status, as well as all, not most, services available to Williams RSOs. Denial of any benefit granted to RSOs is a form of de facto discrimination and should be rejected outright by your administration.”

The letter’s authors also criticized

Mandel’s statement for saying the CC’s decision “was made on political grounds,” asserting it “does not go far enough.”

“WIFI’s application for registration was rejected not because of mere political views but because of antisemitism,” they argued. “Zionism is the movement supporting Jewish rights to self-determination, and the Council’s rejection of WIFI as an RSO seeks to denigrate this vital aspect of mainstream Jewish identity for many Williams students.”

“The Council has patently abused its authority by discriminating against WIFI and denying it RSO recognition,” they added. “We urge the administration to exercise its own authority within the College’s system of shared governance to correct this misstep.”

Williams College did not answer a request for comment by press time.

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## Opinion.

# A Lawsuit Over Ilhan Omar's Photograph Won't Silence Me



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

To Ilhan Omar's photographer:

I first heard of you when one of our staff members told me that someone had called looking for the person he needed to sue. It was a strange and disturbing phone call. You could have just asked for me by name.

I am a Jew. From the age of 14, I followed the lead of my mentor, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, and chose to dedicate my life to the Jewish people and to humanity. Today, tragically, this has also come to mean defending my people from relentless attacks and a tsunami of antisemitism.

In the past two weeks alone, America witnessed its second synagogue shooting in six months. The New York Times admitted to printing a vile antisemitic cartoon, and the Anti-Defamation League warned in its annual report that American Jews are facing "near historic levels of hatred." As I write this, hundreds of rockets are falling upon Israel.

The full-page color ad we ran in The

Washington Post calling out the antisemitism of Congresswoman Omar — the one over which you're threatening to sue me — presents yet another example of the threats we face.

For a political figure barely six months in Washington, Omar has managed to cram an astonishing amount of frightening rhetoric into the American political honey-jar, demonizing the Jewish people with all three legs of the antisemitic stool: Jewish hypnotic control, Jewish money control, and Jewish dual-loyalties.

In 2012, as huge numbers of rockets rained down on Israel, Omar took to Twitter to make the disgusting, repulsive claim that "Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel." This year, she said that the America-Israel alliance was motivated not by shared interests and values, but by Jewish money that buys politicians. She singled out AIPAC in particular as being guilty of a Jewish money conspiracy.

Put yourself in our shoes: How would you feel if someone said you were a traitor to America because you're a Jew?

Worse than being an antisemite (we're used to those), Ilhan Omar has become a celebrity antisemite. Despite the fact that leaders from all sides of the political spectrum have come together to condemn her, there

are those who can't stop celebrating her, regardless of her irrepressible antisemitism. Omar has graced the front covers of TIME, Rolling Stone, and even the latest edition of Newsweek. She's the subject of a documentary that premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, and even made a cameo in the music video for Maroon 5's hit "Girls Like You," which has two billion views on YouTube. Rolling Stone even listed her as one of their four "Women Shaping America's Future."

American Jews would be wise to ensure she doesn't. They'd also be wise to ensure all Americans know what Omar believes: namely, that Jews use our money to manipulate our government into allegiance to a foreign nation that has the ability to hypnotize the world.

Amid all this, we come across your work of art, which, all would agree, lionizes Ilhan Omar. She certainly thought so, considering she posted the photo on Facebook (itself a legal co-owner of the image, whom we credited for the photo). She even captioned the image with the words of Maya Angelou: "I walk like I got oil wells/Pumping in my living room."

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US Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN). Photo: Reuters / Leah Millis / File.

the Public setting carries the implicit acknowledgment that said photo is available for access and use by anyone — including entities not on Facebook. While permission for use is considered polite, it is not a prerequisite."

But more importantly, art is not protected from parody. Art is not protected from criticism, satire, or commentary — better known as "fair-use." Considering mainstream America has roundly condemned Omar for using antisemitic tropes, any artwork that serves to promote her is itself controversial, if not a provocation. It should certainly be understood that it will be met with criticism, commentary, and parody.

Ultimately, it's your right to celebrate people who trade in antisemitism, even as I lament your decision to do so. Just don't be surprised when we respond to your assessments, and don't try to silence us when we do.

We are, after all, fellow Americans.

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# The Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamophobia Trap



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As far as administration critics are concerned, US President Donald Trump is about to do it again.

His plans to designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist group has the foreign-policy establishment wringing their hands at what they consider a blunder that will undermine US influence in the Middle East and throughout the Islamic world. Even worse, some other members of the anti-Trump resistance think that this is just one more example of the administration's rampant Islamophobia that has made religious prejudice official government policy.

But this is actually another example of how Trump's instinctive distrust of the so-called "experts" has allowed him to do what needs to be done. Like US recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the administration's insistence that the Palestinian Authority stop funding terrorism, and the withdrawal from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, Trump's move against the Brotherhood is long overdue.

Of course, it is tainted in some eyes by the fact that it comes right after a White House meeting with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi. The Egyptian leader led a coup that overthrew a Muslim Brotherhood government that had won an election the previous year. Since then, Sisi's regime has cracked down on the Brotherhood and committed widespread

human-rights violations in the process.

That has led figures like Rep. Ilhan Omar to demand the release of Brotherhood leaders from Egyptian prisons and to call for normalizing relations with the group.

Some of the experts also think the Brotherhood is more of an Islamist political party than a terrorist group. They see it as a loose-knit association not unified in support of terror, and which can, in the right context, become a force for stability in some nations. Along with leftist figures like Omar, they also see the designation as a blunt instrument that seeks to brand a broad-based movement with millions of supporters as terrorists in a way that is inherently intolerant of Muslims.

However, the truth about the Brotherhood is that it is the granddaddy of all Islamist terror groups. Founded in 1928, it has always seen itself as being a social movement within the Muslim world, and when necessary, it presents itself as a political party. But at its core is an Islamist worldview that sees its purpose as an effort to reject liberal, democratic, and more moderate strains of Islam, and to enforce a strict vision of the faith that is rooted in jihad and intolerance for modernity, seeking to impose Muslim religious law (Sharia) everywhere it can. While it sometimes eschews violence to advance its goals, its commitment to jihad has made it the main force behind the creation of terror groups like Hamas. It links Islamists throughout the world to practitioners of violence in a way that makes that a distinction without a difference.

While El-Sisi's abysmal human-rights record makes him an unsavory character, events in Egypt during the last decade illus-

trate the true nature of the Brotherhood.

After President Barack Obama acquiesced to the deposition of longtime Egyptian authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak, the United States also gave its approval to elections that brought the Brotherhood to power in Egypt. Though it had represented itself to gullible foreign diplomats and the international press as representing moderate Islam, its rule provoked widespread opposition from Egyptians, who realized that the Brotherhood had no intention of ever allowing itself to be voted out and was on its way to establishing its totalitarian Islamist vision. When the military moved against it, tens of millions of Egyptians went into the streets to support the coup. While El-Sisi and his government are far from exemplary, they are a vast improvement on the Brotherhood, which has now resorted to terrorism.

The Brotherhood's core beliefs have never been a secret. Its long-term goal is universal Sharia law and the overthrow of the West, as well as Israel. It spawned groups like Hamas and influenced the creation of Al-Qaeda. More to the point, its chief ideologue, Yusuf al-Qaradawi, is an exiled Egyptian cleric who currently helps run the Qatar Foundation, which spreads Islamist teachings in support of terror around the globe. The Brotherhood is the glue that unites Sunni Muslim terror groups in terms of ideas and action.



Supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood in the Jordanian capital, Amman, chanting pro-Palestinian slogans in April 2018. Photo: Reuters / Muhammad Hamed.

While Hamas and like-minded groups are the tip of the spear, the effort to maintain a distinction between the terrorists and the rest of the Brotherhood remains entirely artificial. The Brotherhood's social-action and political wings operate in such a manner as to support the same violent goals as the terrorists.

The Brotherhood has also sought to establish the same false distinctions in its operations in the United States. Brotherhood supporters set up the Holy Land Foundation to fund-raise and organize for Hamas in the 1990s. Before the Treasury Department shut it down, that Foundation founded the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR). That group today masquerades as a respectable civil-rights group dedicated to protecting Muslims. Trump's designation of the Brotherhood will limit the ability of extremists to operate in the United States and elsewhere in the West.

Claims that this move is an expression of Islamophobia are not merely wrong; they are also a slander of law-abiding American Muslims. The extremists of CAIR and others with links to the Brotherhood have hijacked the leadership of American Muslim groups. While many millions across the Middle East do back the Brotherhood and its terrorist goals, the notion that an effort to limit the ability of radicals to operate freely harms all Muslims is false.

Trump's designation of the Brotherhood is commonsense security policy that aims at protecting all Americans, no matter their faith or background. Efforts to cloak support for this Islamist group in the language of civil rights or realpolitik don't stand up to scrutiny. The president should follow through on his vow, both for the sake of American interests and security, as well as those who hope for a better future for a Muslim world freed from Islamist tyranny and terror.

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## Opinion.

# Ben Hecht: Hero of Israel and the Holocaust



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E. Scott Fitzgerald once remarked that “there are no second acts in American lives.” Two new biographies — Adina Hoffman’s *Ben Hecht: Fighting Words, Moving Pictures* and Julien Gorbach’s *The Notorious Ben Hecht: Iconoclastic Writer and Militant Zionist* — show that Fitzgerald was sometimes wrong.

Born on the Lower East Side in 1893, Ben Hecht soon moved with his family to Racine, Wisconsin, a small city with few Jews, and eventually ran away to Chicago. As a novice reporter for *The Chicago Daily News*, he learned not only the newspaper business, but what H. L. Mencken called the new “American language” — a blend of immigrant and black idioms, working-class slang, and the argot of the criminal underground. He also served a year as an American reporter in post-World War I Berlin.

After a decade in Jazz Age New York, Hecht left for the Hollywood of the new talking pictures, on the recommendation of a fellow writer who assured him that “there are millions to be grabbed and the only competition is idiots.” Hecht became one of the most successful screenwriters of the 1930s. His play *The Front Page* also became a Broadway hit and Hollywood movie success. He virtually invented the underworld genre, winning the first Academy Award in writing for his screenplay for *Underworld* (1927).

Though he never uprooted himself for Paris, the youthful Hecht was a bohemian, sharing the expatriate generation’s disdain for what Mencken called “the American booboisie.” His novel, *A Jew in Love* (1931), was a satire of American Jewish males’ sexual mores, and was a precursor of Philip Roth’s *Portnoy’s Complaint*. Hecht was a “muscular Jew,” intolerant of weakness, yet his novel sometimes hints at ambivalent self-hating Jewishness.

A new, politically serious Ben Hecht emerged after the Nazis came to power. Hecht joined the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League (HANL). The League organized a campaign targeting the 1936 Berlin Olympics, which failed, and a successful boycott of the Hollywood tour by Hitler’s favorite filmmaker, Leni Riefenstahl. The League also battled racial segregation, winning the support of prominent African-Americans, including W. E. B. Du Bois. Local Nazis plotted to assassinate its leaders.

Hecht joked that he “became a Jew” only



The late Ben Hecht. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

in 1939. This was just around the time he met Peter Bergson, the alias of Hillel Kook, a leader of the Irgun Zvai Leumi underground militia in Palestine, which politically adhered to Vladimir Ze’ev Jabotinsky’s Revisionist Zionism. From 1937 to 1940, the Irgun organized unauthorized immigration to Palestine, then shifted to creating a Jewish Brigade to fight Hitler. In 1942, they changed emphasis to an all-out campaign to save European Jewry.

Combining Bergson’s clear-eyed view of the Jewish catastrophe with Hecht’s American media savvy, the two made a terrific team battling evasions and hypocrisy about the Holocaust. Hecht designed a publicity blitz using full-page newspaper ads, celebrity endorsements, mass rallies, and 1943’s Orthodox rabbi march on Washington, as well as We Will Never Die, Hecht’s star-studded pageant at Madison Square Garden. He also lobbied for the Roosevelt administration’s creation of the War Refugee Board.

There followed Hecht’s 1946 play, *A Flag is Born*, featuring Paul Muni and an unknown Marlon Brando, who played Tevya, a Treblinka survivor, who cries out about how the Nazis “made a garbage pile of my people.”

Proceeds helped finance the purchase of a ship, renamed the *SS Ben Hecht*, which made a 1947 voyage to Israel with 800 survivors. The ship was intercepted on the way to Palestine by the British, and the passengers were interned in Cyprus.

Hecht continued to support the Irgun’s violent campaign against the British until Israel’s independence. He was boycotted in the UK.

Both these biographies document Hecht’s vital role in challenging America to recognize the Holocaust, and Jews’ right to a state of their own. But Hoffman reads back into the Bergson-Hecht era too much of her anti-Netanyahu animus.

Historian Harold Brackman is coauthor with Ephraim Isaac of *From Abraham to Obama: A History of Jews, Africans, and African Americans* (Africa World Press, 2015).

## Antisemitism Is Alive — and Thriving — in Modern-Day Germany

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The German national antisemitism commissioner, Felix Klein, published an article on May 3, titled, “There is a threat of unrestrained Jew-hatred in Germany.” He started off by listing a number of antisemitic events in Western countries that had taken place in the course of a single week. Klein

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*Unite*

In the name of the Rebbe, I ask you to treat your fellow Jew with love.

An eight-year old girl, Noya Dahan, and her family moved from Israel, where Hamas-fired rockets were and are falling on Sderot, only to come to San Diego and be shot by a crazy American terrorist.

Our enemies are everywhere.

I ask you today to give your fellow Jews the benefit of the doubt — and your support — and your ideas. Not your sarcasm.

If you are left and your fellow Jew is right, be glad for the strong stance they are taking, which says that — as would be expected of any other country — that only the citizens of the State of Israel can decide how to balance their security needs with the opportunity for peace they so dearly seek. But encourage your friend to work within their network to combat the Trump administration’s anti-immigration policies that you can both agree are most out of touch with Jewish and American values.

If you are right and your fellow Jew is left, be glad for the strong sense of justice they are promoting as a universal value, be glad of their insistence on embracing every person who suffers needlessly. They do honor to our people. But encourage them to work within their network to fight for the safety of Jews fearing rocket fire from Gaza with the same ferocity that they fight for women’s, African-American, or LGBT rights.

wrote: “Sometimes it is a hatred of Jews fed by a right radical worldview, on another occasion it is unrestrained Muslim antisemitism, yet another originates in a left ideology seemingly characterized by undivided humanism. Each time the picture of the enemy is the same: the Jews.”

Klein adds: “In parallel, far too frequently the Jewish state of Israel appears. Under the pretext of ‘criticism of Israel’ the hatred of Jews is increasingly expressed without restraint for Israel, the Jew among the states. It is of course totally uninteresting how Jews — or Israelis — in fact behave. The antisemite will always hate Jews irrespective of their behavior. This is the simple but dangerous principle of antisemitism.”

Klein’s article was exceptional for a few reasons. First, for decades, the official German version — backed by distorted statistics — had been that antisemitism in the country came almost entirely from the right.

Second, Klein wrote explicitly about “Muslim antisemitism.” The official German version calls it “Islamist antisemitism.” A few weeks ago, a taboo-breaking report by the German domestic intelligence services was titled “Antisemitism and Islamism.” Klein did not make that distinction.



From left to right, Konrad Adam, Frauke Petry and Bernd Lucke during the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party’s first-ever convention, in April 2013 in Berlin. The party has been accused of antisemitism. Photo: Mathesar via Wikimedia Commons.

Klein, who was appointed to his position in April 2018, had prepared the ground for his article over the past few months. In January, he said in an interview on German public radio that antisemitic and anti-constitutional positions had been expressed by the right wing party, AfD. He added that the party’s attacks on the German culture



The late Lori Gilbert-Kaye.

Left and right, Orthodox and secular, Israeli and American, we have countless blessings to draw on. Together, we are connected both to our past and to modernity. Together, we are connected to the ancient Jewish homeland of Israel and to these amazing United States — a country founded on principles like no other before it, a country which grows and reinterprets with compassion in the same way that Jewish values and halacha have lived and grown for thousands of years.

Embrace your fellow Jew.

Embrace them no matter which threat they choose to fight first.

And when you do, the enemy will never defeat us.

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of remembrance have triggered secondary antisemitism. As examples of antisemitism, Klein mentioned the inclusion of the prohibition on male circumcision and ritual slaughter in the AfD party platform.

In a newspaper interview in the same month, Klein also said that he had noticed increasing hostility toward Jews among Turkish immigrants, as a result of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s enmity toward Israel. In January, Klein was further quoted as deploring an “alarming historical amnesia,” which has shaken the very foundations of German democracy.

Still, in his recent article, Klein didn’t get everything right. He said that the position of the German government was extremely clear: “The state of law has to fight antisemitism determinedly and relentlessly with all means available. That is irrespective of whether it comes from the right, the left, society’s mainstream, the Muslim community, or from BDS apologists dressed up as human rights advocates.”

It would be wonderful if that were Germany’s reality. However, in February, police stood by when neo-Nazis demonstrated at the former Nazi Party grounds in Nuremberg. They also posed with torches on the grandstand where Adolf Hitler spoke in the 1930s.

Even worse, on May 1, in Plauen in Saxony, about 500 right-wing extremists marched with drums and flags through the town. Most of these neo-Nazis wore t-shirts which said: “National, Revolutionary, Socialist.” They shouted: “Illegal foreigners out and the others as well, stop the asylum flood, national socialists now!” The authorities did not intervene. They had permitted the march.

Klein concludes his recent article by saying that Germany is still far from the relentless antisemitism which exists elsewhere. Yet, in fact, for the informed observer of European affairs, the German case is par for the course when it comes to antisemitism and hatred of Jews and Israel.

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## Impressions.

# The Chabad Model for Perpetuating Memories of the Holocaust

BY ALEX TRAIMAN /JNS.Org

Within the next several years, Holocaust remembrance will enter into a challenging new phase: continuing the memory of one of the most heinous crimes in human history — and certainly, against the Jewish people — without any first-hand witnesses.

I attended the March of the Living in Poland last week, and hosted the JNS official live broadcast. The annual event is without a doubt one of the most powerful and important organized experiences to instill both Jewish identity and Jewish unity.

Following the march, I was asked by many about the most powerful part of the visit. For me, it was simple: interviewing nearly 10 Holocaust survivors on the haunting grounds of the Auschwitz concentration



*Jews from all over the world participate in the "March of the Living," seen at the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp site in Poland, as Israel marks annual Holocaust Memorial Day on April 16, 2015. Photo: Yossi Zeliger/Flash90.*

camp and the Birkenau extermination camp, where more than two million Jews were murdered by the Nazi regime.

These survivors — who had the courage to come back to the scene of the horrors to share their stories with the next generation of Jews — were beyond brave. Hearing the details of their stories first-hand, but even more than that, getting a glimpse into the memories that could be seen in their eyes, is what will remain so haunting ... and so lasting.

A look into the eyes of a Holocaust survivor re-telling stories of tragedy and survival on the grounds of Auschwitz-Birkenau gave me greater insight than any words I heard or feelings I could ever conjure.

The survivors were in their mid-80s to mid-90s. The opportunities to hear these stories, related directly by those who experienced them, are becoming more precious as they become more limited. Soon, within one generation, they will become a page in Jewish history.

And yet, as antisemitism again rears its ugly head across Europe, in the United States, and even in Israel, the lessons of the Holocaust remain as important, if not more important, than ever.

The challenge for organizations like March of the Living, Yad Vashem, and others will be how to increase real knowledge and deep understanding about what happened during the years of World War II without the talebearers of those horrors.

One model may come from the Jewish community

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# Why Is a Life in Poway Worth More Than One in Ashkelon or Sderot?

BY EDWARD MANOR

More than 700 rockets, missiles, and mortars were fired at Israel from the Gaza Strip this past weekend. Four Israelis were murdered, many more were injured to varying degrees, widespread panic and property damage was caused, schools and other social institutions were shut down, and normal life ground to a halt.

More than one million Israelis living in southern Israel are being terrorized and forced to live in shelters as rockets are indiscriminately

course Americans care — and deeply. But in order to care, one first needs to know, and Americans are not being given the opportunity to properly evaluate affairs, let alone care about them.

Many factors contribute to the way that terrorist attacks in Israel are presented, or at times not presented at all, to the American public. A discussion of all of them can and does fill entire books. For the purpose of this discussion, we should highlight two important factors.

First, we must address the politicization factor. Faith-based attacks in America are typically spun by news outlets along the entire



*A damaged house after it was hit by a rocket fired from Gaza over the border to its Israeli side in Ashkelon Israel May 5, 2019 PHOTO: REUTERS/ Amir Cohen.*

fired at them by Islamic terrorists who are determined to destroy Israel. Israelis in the south have long been subjected to an annihilationist campaign with no end in sight, and with flare-ups like this one largely ignored by the American mainstream media.

When viewed from the eyes of an Israeli, let alone one living in southern Israel, this lack of coverage only a week after an antisemitic terror attack in Poway, California — one that dominated the news cycle and prompted calls for a wider discussion of the rise in antisemitic attacks across the world — is simply appalling.

Are Israelis — the largest group of Jews in the world — to conclude that a Jewish life snuffed out by a white supremacist in Poway is more precious than a Jewish life snuffed out by an Islamist rocket to the American public and media? Is an Islamic antisemitic terror attack on Israelis any less appalling than one that takes place on American soil, regardless of the identity of the perpetrator(s)?

Are we to believe that the largest group of Jews in the world that resides in Israel does not belong in the American discussion about the rise in global antisemitism? Do Americans not care about the murder of Jews in Israel? The answer is yes, of

political spectrum, and usually for ideological or financial reasons. And there is no question that gory details of a domestic attack drive more traffic to news sites, and voters to the polls, than one taking place thousands of miles away.

This leads us to the next important factor: the racism of low expectations that has taken root in America and the West generally. This leads us to say things like, "but this has always taken place there and is nothing new" or "what can you expect from those terrorists?" It is a conversation that judges Muslim terrorists by lower standards than the ones we typically apply to ourselves, or others we consider "civilized" enough to apply them to.

It also says that we're used to Israelis dying in antisemitic terror attacks and are willing to keep overlooking them. Simply put, in America, the murder of Israelis just isn't news.

This twisted conversation has to be set straight. The most egregious actor in the disinformation campaign is the mainstream media, which — by action even if not true belief — thinks that a life in Poway, California is more precious than one in Ashkelon or Sderot.

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## Tradition.

# From the Scene: Under Fire in Israel's South



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In November of 2018, I had the experience of walking through a bombed-out apartment building in Ashkelon, where a Gaza rocket strike had resulted in a fatality. Therefore, I had some idea of what to expect when I hitched a ride south with a group of journalists to see the situation in southern Israel for myself. Approximately 700 Gaza rockets had been launched into Israeli towns, cities, and communities in the space of only a few days.

En route to the area in a small minibus, the protocol for a warning siren was explained. The driver would pull over and we were to get out as quickly as possible, and lie down on the side of the road. Sitting at the back of the bus, I contemplated that in the event of a rocket attack, it would be virtually impossible for everyone to get out of the one side door and take cover within the 15 seconds of warning time before a rocket fell.

We eventually arrived at the home of 58-year old father of four, Moshe Agadi, who was killed by shrapnel from a rocket fired at his Ashkelon house. The scene was busy — journalists, IDF soldiers, police, damage assessors, as well as friends and members of the Agadi family, gathered in the aftermath of the tragic and appalling disaster that had befallen them.

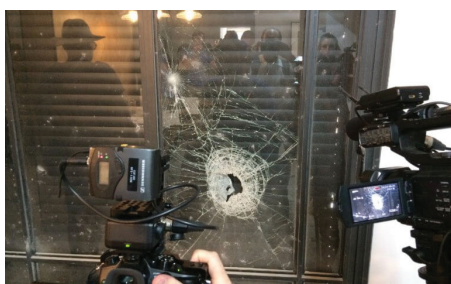
A crater in the front yard indicated where the rocket had landed. Twisted metal and shattered concrete littered what would otherwise have been an idyllic garden area of trees and shrubbery. While the rocket may not have scored a direct hit on the house, the impact was still obvious.

There were pockmarks on the house exterior struck by shrapnel, a blown out window, roof tiles dislodged. While Agadi was able to get his family members into their safe room in the seconds before the rocket struck, he was killed by shrapnel in his living room. While the house remained virtually intact and the damage appeared to be superficial, the deadly potential of what so many in the media have termed “homemade” rockets was only too apparent.

The neighboring house was also damaged. We went inside, treading on debris and shattered glass. A double-glazed window pane at the other end of the living room served as a graphic illustration of the sheer force of the shrapnel blast. Had that been a human being on the receiving end, the consequences do not bear thinking about.

Despite the activity at the site, there was still a surreal calm even as journalists received briefings from the IDF and police spokespeople. Birds chirped in the trees while the journalists took photos and asked questions.

As another rocket warning flared and



A man walks around a damaged house after it was hit by a rocket fired from Gaza over the border to its Israeli side in Ashkelon Israel May 5, 2019 PHOTO: REUTERS/ Amir Cohen.

people rushed for cover, it became clear that the safe room simply wasn't large enough to accommodate the number of people seeking shelter. Those of us left outside the safe room crouched down and waited. I positioned myself by a wall in the small service porch immediately adjacent to the safe room. The broken tiles by my feet served as a reminder that this house had already endured one fatal attack. Lightning couldn't possibly strike twice, could it?

In the ocean, if someone screams “shark,” your immediate instinct is to swim as fast as you can to shore. You don't know if you'll make it back, or if that shark will grab you — but you'll do your utmost to survive. In this situation, however, there is no shore to swim to. All you can do is tread water and hope that the shark will swim by. All you can do is wait and hope.

As the siren continued to wail, multiple booms and thuds reverberated from outside, the sound of Gaza rockets being intercepted by Iron Dome. It was clear from the noise that the rockets were close. Despite previous experiences, it was still unnerving. Finally, the siren stopped. After waiting a minute or two, we filed out of the house.

The IDF Home Front Command instructs Israelis to stay in their protected spaces for at least 10 minutes after the end of a siren. Israelis are notoriously hesitant to follow instructions. But these instructions are issued for a reason, which we found out only a few seconds after leaving the house, because the siren began to blare again.

Another dash back to our previous positions inside the house and more booms followed. We were unaware that this was a massive rocket barrage aimed at Ashkelon. I was almost back on the minibus when the third siren in only a few minutes prompted yet another run to my now familiar space in the service porch for the limited protection it offered. Strangely, members of the Agadi family, perhaps struck by a fatalism resulting from Moshe Agadi's death, stayed in the living room almost ignoring the incoming threat.

This time, the sounds of explosions rattled the house and there were audible gasps from those huddled inside and outside the safe room. The booms felt as if they were literally right outside. I have to admit that it was genuinely frightening. As we eventually hurried out of the house in the aftermath of the siren, I realized that I was trembling slightly. I'll put it down to the adrenaline, but my nerves had most definitely been frayed.

Sadly, Iron Dome was unable to prevent at least one of the Gaza rockets from landing on a factory in Ashkelon's industrial zone, killing one Israeli man. By the time we reached that scene, emergency services had already secured the factory site and evacuated the casualty, an Israeli Bedouin resident of the Negev, Ziad al-Hamamda, 47, who left behind a wife and seven children.

An attempt to visit the residents of Kibbutz Nahal Oz on the Gaza border was abandoned after Palestinian terrorists launched a Kornet anti-tank missile at a civilian car on a highway near Sderot, killing 68-year-old Moshe Feder. The road was promptly closed by security forces. As we waited at a gas station north of Gaza to see if the road would be reopened, the sound of booms and thuds in the near distance was incessant. It's one thing to see the constant alert messages on a cellphone. It's another to experience the situation in real time.

Approximately 700 Gaza rockets during the course of two days is hard to imagine. And being there felt even more intense than previous times, such as the 2014 conflict, which stretched over a far greater length of time and breadth of the country. Yet the sheer number and the frequency of the rocket

attacks over the southern region during the course of the past few days left me with a feeling of increased vulnerability borne out by the far greater numbers of Israeli deaths and injuries than in past violent flare ups.

I suspect those journalists who visited the scene also left with a new sense of anxiety and vulnerability. How unfortunate that it takes an experience of this nature to understand or even empathize with the suffering of Israelis who have to live through such events.

For now, calm has been restored to both the residents of Israel's south and the Gaza Strip. Until the next time.

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## In Israel, There Is a Tight Bond Between Food and Politics

BY KEREN TSURIEL HARARI & URI PASOVSKY / CTech

Israel's Independence Day, or Yom Ha'atzmaut, which will be celebrated on Thursday, is the culmination of a series of religious and cultural events in Israel — kicked off in April with Passover — in which food plays a major part. In Israel, a tight bond exists between politics and food, according to Nir Avieli of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. In April, Avieli spoke on an episode of the Calcalist podcast “the Pill.”

“Think of our daily routine; it is all constructed around when we do — or don't — eat,” Avieli said. “What makes the weekend the weekend is the food we eat on Shabbat. The same is true for yearly cycles and the special foodstuff that separate the seasons. So food has a very significant place in our personal and social lives.”

Earlier this year, Avieli published the book *Food and Power: A Culinary Ethnography of Israel*, which examines power dynamics and politics in the Israeli culinary sphere, from communal dining rooms in Kibbutzim to the crowning of hummus — an Arab dish — as an Israeli national dish, and even to the food served to Palestinian detainees at a military prison.

For almost a decade, Avieli has researched the food traditions of Yom Ha'atzmaut, which in Israel centers around the barbecue, or *mangal* in Hebrew. The Yom Ha'atzmaut *mangal* did not become an Israeli staple until the end of the 1970s, he said — more specifically, following the 1977 Israeli legislative election for the ninth Knesset, during which the right wing, led by current ruling party Likud, won a majority of seats for the first time in Israeli history. With it, he said, Mizrahi Jews (those with ancestry in northern Africa and the Middle East) became more prominent not just politically but also culturally. With Mizrahi Jews' social rise, the tradition of public barbecues ascended.

The public aspect is a pillar of the tradition. The sight of hundreds of unrelated families crowding every available patch of green with portable grills and picnic tables as the smell of seared meat fills the air has become a familiar scene to any Israeli. The communality is the point, Avieli said. On Independence Day, people want to rub elbows with the rest of the nation. But Avieli said this sentiment is shifting somewhat in recent years. “Perhaps people no longer crave that familiarity,” he said.

According to Avieli, a surprisingly popular trend in Israel is veganism — estimates put vegans at five percent of the population, leading some to claim Israel has the most vegans per capita, though Avieli is skeptical. A more interesting phenomenon in his eyes is the right-wing Israelis who feel the need to emphasize both their political identity and their veganism, via Facebook groups for example.

“I think the bewilderment people express over the growing trend in Israel — I get at least one call a week from a foreign reporter on the subject—is related to the fact that Israel is conceived as a very militaristic society, by outsiders as well as from our own viewpoint,” Avieli said. “Israel is thought of as a country that is not tolerant to immigrants, to those different, very violent, especially toward the Palestinians — a society that doesn't place the utmost importance on human rights.”



Hummus and slices of pita bread.  
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Avieli does not see a paradox. Even if you equate being right-wing with being against human rights, he explained, there are more than five percent of Israelis that lean left politically.

However, a common explanation found among right-wing vegans is that animals are innocent — “have you ever seen a chicken with an explosive belt?” Avieli quotes a question posed to a colleague researching the subject. Humans, Palestinians in this case, aren't innocent, the claim goes, and therefore do not qualify for protection.

The paradox is embodied in Aviv Kochavi, the newly appointed chief of staff of the Israeli military, a self-proclaimed vegan. “Why is it so interesting that he is vegan?” Avieli asked. “Why is it weird? It is because there's an inherent tension in the fact that a person whose job is to inflict violence on others — chooses in his personal life not to inflict violence on animals.”

Tradition.

# From Priest to People



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Something fundamental happens at the beginning of this parsha and the story is one of the greatest, if rarely acknowledged, contributions of Judaism to the world.

Until now Vayikra has been largely about sacrifices, purity, the Sanctuary, and the Priesthood. It has been, in short, about a holy place, holy offerings, and the elite and holy people – Aaron and his descendants – who minister there. Suddenly, in chapter 19, the text opens up to embrace the whole of the people and the whole of life:

The Lord said to Moses: *“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them, ‘Be holy because I the Lord your God am holy.’”* (Lev. 19:1-2)

This is the first and only time in Leviticus that so inclusive an address is commanded. The Sages say that it means that the contents of the chapter were proclaimed by Moses to a formal gathering of the entire nation (*hak’hel*). It is the people as a whole who are commanded to “be holy,” not just an elite, the Priests. It is life itself that is to be sanctified, as the chapter goes on to make clear. Holiness is to be made manifest in the way the nation

covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is Mine, you will be for Me a kingdom of Priests and a holy nation” (Ex. 19:5-6), that is, a kingdom all of whose members are to be in some sense Priests, and a nation that is in its entirety holy.

The first intimation is much earlier still, in the first chapter of Genesis, with its monumental assertion, “Let Us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness... So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them” (Gen. 1:26-27). What is revolutionary in this declaration is not that a human being could be in the image of God. That is precisely how kings of Mesopotamian city states and pharaohs of Egypt were regarded. They were seen as the representatives, the living images, of the gods. That is how they derived their authority. The Torah’s revolution is the statement that not some, but all, humans share this dignity. Regardless of class, colour, culture, or creed, we are all in the image and likeness of God.

Thus was born the cluster of ideas that, though they took many millennia to be realised, led to the distinctive culture of the West: the non-negotiable dignity of the human person, the idea of human rights, and eventually, the political and economic expressions of these ideas: liberal democracy on the one hand, and the free market on the other.



makes its clothes and plants its fields, in the way justice is administered, workers are paid, and business conducted. The vulnerable – the deaf, the blind, the elderly, and the stranger – are to be afforded special protection. The whole society is to be governed by love, without resentments or revenge.

What we witness here, in other words, is the radical *democratisation of holiness*. All ancient societies had Priests. We have encountered four instances in the Torah thus far of non-Israelite Priests: Malkizedek, Abraham’s contemporary, described as a Priest of God Most High; Potipher, Joseph’s father-in-law; the Egyptian Priests as a whole, whose land Joseph did not nationalise; and Yitro, Moses’ father-in-law, a Midianite Priest. The Priesthood was not unique to Israel, and everywhere it was an elite. Here for the first time, we find a code of holiness directed to the people as a whole. We are all called on to be holy.

In a strange way, though, this comes as no surprise. The idea, if not the details, had already been hinted at. The most explicit instance comes in the prelude to the great covenant-making ceremony at Mount Sinai when God tells Moses to say to the people, “Now if you obey Me fully and keep My

The point is not that these ideas were fully formed in the minds of human beings during the period of biblical history. Manifestly, this is not so. The concept of human rights is a product of the seventeenth century. Democracy was not fully implemented until the twentieth. But already in Genesis 1 the seed was planted. That is what Jefferson meant in his famous words, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,” and what John F. Kennedy alluded to in his Inaugural Address when he spoke of the “revolutionary belief” that “the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.”

The irony is that these three texts, Genesis 1, Exodus 19:6, and Leviticus 19, are all spoken in the Priestly voice Judaism calls *Torat Kohanim*.<sup>[1]</sup> On the face of it, Priests were not egalitarian. They all came from a single tribe, the Levites, and from a single family, that of Aaron, within the tribe. To be sure, the Torah tells us that this was not God’s original intention. Initially, it was to have been the firstborn – those who were saved from the last of the plagues – who were charged with special holiness as the ministers of God. It was only after the sin of the Golden Calf, in which

the tribe of Levi did not participate, that the change was made. Even so, the Priesthood would have been an elite, a role reserved specifically for firstborn males. So deep is the concept of equality written into monotheism that it emerges precisely from the Priestly voice, from which we would least expect it.

The reason is this: religion in the ancient world was, not accidentally but essentially, a defence of hierarchy. With the development, first of agriculture, then of cities, what emerged were highly stratified societies with a ruler on top, surrounded by a royal court, beneath which was an administrative elite, and at the bottom, an illiterate mass that was conscripted from time to time either as an army or as a *corvée*, a labour force used in the construction of monumental buildings.

What kept the structure in place was an elaborate doctrine of a heavenly hierarchy whose origins were told in myth, whose most familiar natural symbol was the sun, and whose architectural representation was the pyramid or ziggurat, a massive building broad at the base and narrow at the top. The gods had fought and established an order of dominance and submission. To rebel against the earthly hierarchy was to challenge reality itself. This belief was universal in the ancient world. Aristotle thought that some were born to rule, others to be ruled. Plato constructed a myth in his *The Republic*, in which class divisions existed because the gods had made some people with gold, some with silver, and others with bronze. This was the “noble lie” that had to be told if a society was to protect itself against dissent from within.

Monotheism removes the entire mythological basis of hierarchy. There is no order among the gods because there are no gods, there is only the One God, Creator of all. Some form of hierarchy will always exist: armies need commanders, films need directors, and orchestras, conductors. But these are functional, not ontological. They are not a matter of birth. So it is all the more impressive to find the most egalitarian sentiments coming from the world of the Priest, whose religious role was a matter of birth.

The concept of equality we find in the Torah specifically and Judaism generally is not an equality of wealth: Judaism is not communism. Nor is it an equality of power: Judaism is not anarchy. It is fundamentally an equality of dignity. We are all equal citizens in the nation whose sovereign is God. Hence

the elaborate political and economic structure set out in Leviticus, organised around the number seven, the sign of the holy. Every seventh day is free time. Every seventh year, the produce of the field belongs to all, Israelite slaves are to be liberated, and debts released. Every fiftieth year, ancestral land was to return to its original owners. Thus the inequalities that are the inevitable result of freedom are mitigated. The logic of all these provisions is the Priestly insight that God, creator of all, is the ultimate owner of all: “The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is Mine and you reside in My land as strangers and temporary residents” (Lev. 25:23). God therefore has the right, not just the power, to set limits to inequality. No one should be robbed of dignity by total poverty, endless servitude, or unrelieved indebtedness.

What is truly remarkable, however, is what happened after the biblical era and the destruction of the Second Temple. Faced with the loss of the entire infrastructure of the holy, the Temple, its Priests, and sacrifices, Judaism translated the entire system of *avoda*, divine service, into the everyday life of ordinary Jews. In prayer, every Jew became a Priest offering a sacrifice. In repentance, he became a High Priest, atoning for his sins and those of his people. Every synagogue, in Israel or elsewhere, became a fragment of the Temple in Jerusalem. Every table became an altar, every act of charity or hospitality, a kind of sacrifice.

Torah study, once the speciality of the Priesthood, became the right and obligation of everyone. Not everyone could wear the crown of Priesthood, but everyone could wear the crown of Torah. A *mamzer talmid chacham*, a Torah scholar of illegitimate birth, say the Sages, is greater than an *am ha’aretz Kohen Gadol*, an ignorant High Priest. Out of the devastating tragedy of the loss of the Temple, the Sages created a religious and social order that came closer to the ideal of the people as “a kingdom of Priests and a holy nation” than had ever previously been realised. The seed had been planted long before, in the opening of Leviticus 19: “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them, ‘Be holy because I the Lord your God am holy.’”

Holiness belongs to all of us when we turn our lives into the service of God, and society into a home for the Divine Presence.

Shabbat shalom

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**Instagram Users**

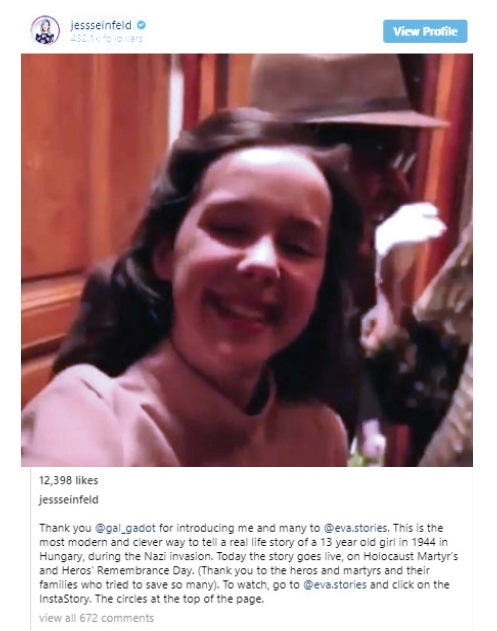
Holocaust. Eva’s diary entries were adapted into a screenplay and filmed in Lviv, Ukraine, with the assistance of about 400 actors, extras and production assistants, according to Ynet.

The Instagram stories include photos and videos of Eva’s friends and family, the guy she had a crush on, Nazi forces taking control of her town, as well as the racial slurs and racist laws she had to endure. The stories also show her family being moved to the ghetto, the violence she faced, and finally the train ride that took her to the Auschwitz death camp where she died.

“This is the way to make the Holocaust accessible to the young crowd,” said Kochavi. “Only 2.7 percent of the total discussion about the Holocaust around the world today, is initiated by the younger generation, which is a significant decline in comparison to previous years. In an age when Holocaust survivors are scarce, people’s attention span is dropping and thrills are quick to achieve — there is a need to find new models of memory and testimony.”

The project garnered the attention of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who, in a video posted to his Facebook page, called for more Instagram stories to be created in commemoration of the Holocaust.

Eva Heyman was born in Nagyvárad, Hungary, and started writing her journal on her 13th birthday, on February 13, 1944. Her last entry was in May of that same year, a day before was deported with her grandparents to Auschwitz, where she died in the gas chambers. Her mother and stepfather escaped deportation and survived the rest of the war.



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Thank you @gal\_gadot for introducing me and many to @eva.stories. This is the most modern and clever way to tell a real life story of a 13 year old girl in 1944 in Hungary, during the Nazi invasion. Today the story goes live, on Holocaust Martyr's and Heroes' Remembrance Day. (Thank you to the heroes and martyrs and their families who tried to save so many). To watch, go to @eva.stories and click on the InstaStory. The circles at the top of the page.  
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## Social.



Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Jewish Designer Diane von Furstenberg Dresses as Statue of Liberty for Met Gala in Honor of Mother Who Survived Auschwitz

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg wore an ensemble to the Met Gala in New York City on Monday that paid tribute to her late mother on the anniversary of the day that she was sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp.

The fashion icon, 72, arrived at the event dressed as the Statue of Liberty while holding high a fake flaming torch. Before the gala, she posted on Instagram a photo of herself wearing the Statue of Liberty's iconic crown, writing, "Today May 6, 1944, my mother was arrested and sent to Auschwitz... 75 years later, I am going to the Met Ball as her torch of Freedom!"

She also shared a photo of her and her granddaughter Talia, who was her date to the Met Gala.

The designer's mother, Liliane Nahmias, who was of Greek-Jewish descent and lived in Belgium, was involved in resistance efforts against the Nazis and helped Jews get counterfeit papers. She was arrested and sent to Auschwitz on May 6, 1944, becoming one of just 1,244 out of the 25,631 Belgian Jews who were deported. Nahmias was held at Auschwitz for 13 months before being liberated, according to The Daily Mail.

Nahmias returned home soon after and married Leon Halfin, and a few months later she learned she was pregnant with her daughter. Nahmias chose to keep the baby despite being told by doctors that she was not healthy enough to carry a child.

## Gal Gadot Urges Instagram Users to Follow Account Telling Story of Jewish Girl During Holocaust

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Israeli actress and "Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot is encouraging social media users to follow an Instagram account that attempts to tell the story of how a young girl in the Holocaust would have documented her experiences on Instagram.

A series of Instagram stories on the account called Eva.Stories depicts the Nazi occupation of Hungary through the eyes of a teenage girl, and the first story went live on Wednesday, in conjunction



A screenshot of Eva from one of her Instagram stories. Photo: Screenshot.

with Holocaust Remembrance Day in Israel. The account, created last month, already has more than 392,000 followers.

The project is based on the diary of Eva Heyman, a Jewish teenager who lived in Hungary and died in the Holocaust in 1944, and was created and funded by Israeli high-tech entrepreneur Mati Kochavi, together with his daughter, Maya, in commemoration of the 6 million Jews who were killed in the

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## Rabbi Wounded in Deadly California Synagogue Shooting Thanked in Delta In-flight Announcement

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A crew member on a Delta Airlines flight from New York to San Diego on Friday morning brought some travelers to tears with remarks over the loudspeaker thanking passenger Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein of Chabad of Poway, where a deadly shooting took place over the Passover holiday, The Algemeiner has learned.

As the plane was landing, the Delta employee offered the company's condolences to Rabbi Goldstein and his congregation and thanked the spiritual leader

for his inspiring stance on the national stage in the aftermath of the April 27th terror attack that left one woman dead and three injured, including Goldstein, who was shot in the hand.

He's using the attack "as a platform to reach out to all of us, to speak to us — all religions, races, ethnicities — encouraging us to practice random acts of kindness, to be more respectful and more loving towards one another," the crew member announced. "We shouldn't focus on what's not here any longer, but in any small way we should try to make a positive impact on the lives that are here. Random

acts of kindness. Thank you Rabbi Goldstein."

Another passenger on the flight, Melissa Weiss, who works as the national campus director for Jewish human rights group the Simon Wiesenthal Center, videoed the incident.

The announcement "left a number of passengers wiping away tears," Weiss told The Algemeiner.

"The Rabbi was sitting three rows behind me," she said. "I thanked him for being a voice for Jews around the country and for giving us so much strength in these terrible days. 'Be the light,' is what he told me. And that is exactly what I will do. It is what I hope all of us will do."



Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, speaks as US President Donald Trump looks on at the White House May 2, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Kevin Lamarque.

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File No.: 2017-1785/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT Estate of Curtis Daniels, by Cherrie Reger-Watson, Mildred Brown, Audrey Severns, Nelleda Bush, Louise Daniels Crosby, Loretta Wasse, Charles Daniels, Nadina Lauderdale, Adrienne Jackson, Ralph Daniels, Brenda Daniels, Warren Daniels, William Daniels, Craig Watson, Larry Barris, Sherilyn

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Mindermann, Annette Alston, Patrick McGlashan, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Robin Alston aka Robin V. Alston, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Robin Alston aka Robin V. Alston, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 110-16 172nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11433, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Robin Alston aka Robin V. Alston, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 13th day of June, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$22,894.62 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the funeral claim of Craig Watson in the amount of \$500.00 should not be paid; and why the claims of Larry Barris in the total amount of \$900.00 should not be paid; and why the claim of Sherilyn Mindermann in the amount of \$270.00 should not be paid; and why the claims of Annette Alston in the total amount of \$957.00 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 15th day of April, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file

formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation Clare Warnock  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH ALONZIA A/K/A DEBORAH R. ALONZIA; DELILAH COLLINGTON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2018 and an Order Extending Time to Set Sale duly filed December 2, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 23, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 931 East 88th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8025 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1365/2014. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Berkman, Hensch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR VENTURES TRUST 2013-I-H-R, Plaintiff AGAINST KIRK GIBSON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 06, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 23, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 729 MACON STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1493, LOT 66. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,065,650.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2427/2008. AARON TYK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 61856  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: TILL TOMORROW LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/03/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of Process to: Kessler Law PLCC 129 Peachtree Lane Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. Purpose: all Lawful activity  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff against RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A LIVINGSTONE A/

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RODNEY, ET AL, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered May 9, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201 on May 30, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1092 East 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7757 Lot 72. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$725,267.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21583/10. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee RSHC106  
AJ; 4/26; 5/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2006-ACC1, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-ACC1 Plaintiff, Against VINCENT ROMAN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 2/27/2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 5/30/2019 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 50 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 3911 and Lot 45. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$710,354.11 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501171/2018. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 4/3/2019 File Number: 32672 MNB  
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## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 506168/2016 Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 1604 PRESIDENT STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11213 Block: 1407 Lot: 35 CIT BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. 1604 PRESIDENT STREET, INC.; VANISE B. LINDSEY AS ADMINISTRATOR, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF RUBY ROBERTS; BENJAMIN LINDSEY; ELSIE COHEN, if living, and if she be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees,

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creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; BLUE DIAMOND FUEL OIL; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s) To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$85,557.94 and interest, recorded on February 27, 1995, at Liber 3470 Page 1923, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York, covering premises known as 1604 PRESIDENT STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11213. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. KINGS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. **RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: Matthew Ingber, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675**

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court, Kings County, Omat I REO Holdings LLC v. John G. Abrams, et al., Defendants, Index No. 7754/2012. Lorenzo A. DeLuca, Esq., attorney for Plaintiff's Assignee, 269 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301 (212) 239-2339. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on or about June 1, 2018, I, the referee, will sell in one parcel at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., the premises directed by said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale to be sold therein known as 1074 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11238 (Block 2016, Lot 15 on the tax map of Kings County). ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Fulton Street, distant 146 feet 4 inches easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Fulton Street and the easterly side of Classon; RUNNING THENCE southerly on a line at right angles to Fulton Street and partly through the center of a party wall, 121 feet; THENCE easterly parallel with Fulton Street, 24 feet; THENCE northerly on a line at right angles to Fulton Street and partly through the center of a party wall, 121 feet to the said southerly side of Fulton Street; and THENCE westerly along the said southerly side of Fulton Street, 24 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises will be sold subject to all provisions and conditions contained in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Terms of Sale. Approximate amount due is \$466,153.20 plus interest and costs Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: CONCRETE CONTENT LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/17/2019. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Concrete Content LLC 247 Kingsland Ave., Apt.3 Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: all lawful activity

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST CO., N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MULTI-CLASS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES CHASE FLEX TRUST SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff against HAROLD BAER A/K/A/ HAROLD H. BAER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 3, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York on June 6, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 3301 Avenue R, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7716 Lot 11. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$561,988.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold

subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 509417/2017. Angelicque Moreno, Esq., Referee SPSNC595 AJ; 5/3/10/17/24/31; 6/7

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY PENNYMAC CORP., Plaintiff against JOSEPH WEINBERG, ET AL, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered March 29, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York on June 6, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1628 48th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Block 5448 Lot 20. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$353,727.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 23646/2009. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Jane Grace Carbonaro, Esq., Referee 10963 AJ; 5/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Amer Anwar a/k/a Amer Jamil Anwar; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 6, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2004 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 5231 Lot 60. Approximate amount of judgment \$381,930.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502221/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: April 19, 2019 62871

AJ; 5/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR14, Plaintiff AGAINST Janice Smith a/k/a Janice T. Smith a/k/a Janis T. Smith; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 6, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2 Paerdegat 3rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8031 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$640,204.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 503256/2015. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New

York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 22, 2019 62263 AJ; 5/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Nancy Proch Henle, John Henle a/k/a John W. Henle, III a/k/a John William Henle, III; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 6, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1558 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210-1931. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 5010 Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment \$589,967.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20600/2013. Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: April 23, 2019 62946

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL3, Plaintiff against KAMWIL DUPONT, et al, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 2, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 6th day of June, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 31st Street distant 400 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 31st Street with the northerly side of Tilden Avenue; THENCE westerly parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with East 31st Street, 25 feet; THENCE easterly again parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet to the westerly side of East 31st Street; and THENCE southerly along said westerly side of East 31st Street, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 108 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11226. (Block: 4901, Lot: 21). Approximate amount of lien \$ 560,911.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501492-14. Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite 700 White Plains, NY. 10606 (914) 949-2574

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Amarnauth Ramotar; et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/2018 and entered on 6/11/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings

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County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 06, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 97-24 Drew Street a/k/a 442 Drew Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4185, LOT: 43. Approximate amount of judgment is \$405,883.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504301/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Betty Lugo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 5/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF FORMATION of 1252 Union Street LLC. Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 4/11/2019. Nassau County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 1252 Union Street LLC, 1252 Union Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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File No.: 2017-3507/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Andrea Torrice Woodman, Lianna Torrice Volpe, Carol Durnorow, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Suzanne M. Torrice aka Suzanne Torrice, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested, a copy of this citation and accounting as well as amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Imaan Moughal, Esq., as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Suzanne M. Torrice aka Suzanne Torrice, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 42-15 43rd Avenue, Apt A4, Sunnyside, NY 11104, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Suzanne M. Torrice aka Suzanne Torrice, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 20th day of June, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$3,973.80 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the

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date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds and jewelry should not be paid/delivered to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 25th day of April, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 5/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Leah Dembitzer, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 28, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on June 06, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1417 57TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 5692, LOT 63. Approximate amount of judgment \$245,367.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512614/2015. Gregory M. Laspina, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 62947 AJ; 5/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS INDEX # 521426/2016 FILED: 04/30/2019 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates KINGS County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A, Plaintiff, against ISHMAEL JULES, if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, CITIBANK, N.A.,

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NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, HILCO RECEIVABLES LLC, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE # 1" through "JOHN DOE # 10", inclusive the names of the ten last named Defendants being fictitious, real names being unknown to Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgages premises described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on the following: (a) a mortgage bearing date June 10, 1981 given by Cleopatra Barton, Ishmael Jules and Veronica Jules (deceased) to Citibank, N.A. to secure the sum of \$35,500.00 and recorded in Reel 1244 at Page 393 in the office of the County Clerk/City Register of Kings County on June 15, 1981; and (b) a mortgage bearing date October 7, 1986 given by Ishmael Jules and Veronica Jules (deceased) to Citibank, N.A. to secure the sum of \$7,347.30 and recorded in Reel 1903 at Page 175 in the office of the County Clerk/City Register of Kings County on October 21, 1986; and (c) which mortgages in (a) and (b) above were consolidated by consolidation, modification and extension agreement given by Ishmael Jules and Veronica Jules (deceased) to Citibank, N.A. to form a single lien amount of \$42,000.00 and recorded in Reel 1903 at Page 189 in the County Clerk/City Register of Kings County on October 21, 1986 which mortgages as consolidated were ultimately assigned to Plaintiff herein as later evidenced by written instrument dated November 23, 2016 and which is to be recorded in the office of the County Clerk/City Register, covering premises known as 859 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203 (Block

4589, Lot 107). To the above named Defendants: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Noach Dear, J.S.C. of the State of New York, and filed on 03/27/2019. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, said premises known as 859 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. There is now justly due and payable to the Plaintiff the principal sum of \$14,339.06 plus interest at the contract rate from June 1, 2009. The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/ CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/ DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at [HTTP://WWW.DFS.NY.GOV](http://www.DFS.NY.GOV). Rights and Obligations YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE

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RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Aldridge Pite, LLP. Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200 Melville, NY 11747 Our File 1133-32282B AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: THAT GUY'S GARAGE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/13/2019 . Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Mark Russell 52 Dean Street, 4F Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/10/17/24/31; 6/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Tino Estrada, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/17 and entered on 5/30/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 13, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 584 Linwood Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4050, LOT: 124. Approximate amount of judgment is \$704,389.87 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 24323/2010. For sale information, please visit [Auction.com](http://Auction.com) at [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) or call (800) 280-2832. Jaime Lathrop, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., V. CHARLES GRAY A/K/A CHARLES A. GRAY, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 28, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and CHARLES GRAY A/K/A CHARLES A. GRAY, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 511 EAST 54TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203: Block 4765, Lot 61: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to

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provisions of filed Judgment Index # 512058/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11, V. WILLIAM BLAGROVE, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11 is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM BLAGROVE, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 1603 E 95TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8298, Lot 29: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510180/2014. Jeffrey Miller, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3, V. OLGA BORTNIKOVA, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR3 is the Plaintiff and OLGA BORTNIKOVA, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 2515 E 63RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234: Block 8461, Lot 18: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500890/2016. Jeffrey Miller, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. KEHINDE AYOOLA

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A/K/A KOHINDE AYoola A/KA/ KEHINEE AYoola, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 15, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 13, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1593 East 94th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8297 and Lot 33. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21398/13. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, V. PABLO OTERO, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is the Plaintiff and PABLO OTERO, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 631 HENDRIX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. Block 4075, Lot 1: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEGIN IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 509571/2014. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31;

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: KMC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 04/10/2019. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC Upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: KMC property management LLC 1005 Broadway Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31; 6/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Troy James; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 28, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 13, 2019 at 2:30PM,

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premises known as 1125 East 55th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 7781 Lot 34. Approximate amount of judgment \$553,632.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 517212/2017. Charlane Odetta Brown, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: April 11, 2019 For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JACQUELINE GEORGE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 06, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1336 EAST 99TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236-5324. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 8282, LOT 58. Approximate amount of judgment \$539,299.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 510790/2014. ZVI A. STORCH, ESQ, Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 63047  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., CSAB MORTGAGE BACKED TRUST 2006-1, CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2006-1, Plaintiff AGAINST LINDA YEBOAH, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 24, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on June 13, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 701 FOUNTAIN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$920,379.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 754/10. JACK SEGAL, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 63049  
AJ; 5/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE AND SALE WHEREAS, on September 11, 2003, a certain Mortgage was executed by Michael J. Miele and Connie Miele, his wife as mortgagors in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB as mortgagee, and recorded on January 02, 2004 in Book

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CRFN 2004000000690 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, and WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, thereafter, an assignment from Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation a subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank FSB to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors or assigns was dated September 29, 2009 and recorded on October 20, 2009 in CRFN 2009000340803. Thereafter, an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors or assigns to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Washington D.C. was dated August 31, 2011 and recorded on November 03, 2011 in CRFN 2011000386932 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings; and WHEREAS, Michael Miele passed away on January 16, 2016 leaving Connie Miele as the surviving tenant by the entirety; WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the premises is no longer the principal residence of the mortgagor and the amount due under the mortgage remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of May 31, 2019 is \$354,128.55; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on February 28, 2019 in CRFN 2019000068357, notice is hereby given that on June 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Commonly known as: 7120 Avenue V, Brooklyn, NY 11234 Block 8440, Lot 44 The sale will be held at the Kings County Court, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$360,500.00. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, on or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling 10% of the winning bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP, as attorneys. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non refundable. The remainder of the purchase price, in addition to any accrued interest from the date of sale up through and including the date of closing, must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid

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deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees and all outstanding real estate taxes and/or other taxes that are open and/or due as of the date of the foreclosure sale and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for fifteen (15) day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP, as attorneys. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to

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forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD Field Office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others, subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. Dated: Bay Shore, New York May 6, 2019 Foreclosure Commissioner Lisa Gordon, Esq. 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 Telephone #: (631) 969 3100 Our File No.: 01-090846-F00 62200  
AJ; 5/10/17/24

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itself: the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

With the passing of the seventh Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, in June 1994, a dynastic movement that had spanned generations lacked a Hasidic master at its head for the first time. And yet, Chabad today is as large and successful as ever.

The powerful spread of Chabad emissaries to all parts of the globe followed the model envisioned and set up by the Rebbe himself: to send those educated in the teachings and practices of Judaism in general, and Chabad in particular, to carry a lantern of light kindled by the Rebbe himself.

The Rebbe was the high-quality source of this light, plugged in directly to the teachings and understandings of the original Hasidic masters. Anyone who met him consistently noted the power that could be felt by looking the Rebbe directly in the eyes. It was as if his blue eyes could see into the soul of whoever stood or sat in front of him.

The Rebbe seemed to realize that his torch would not be passed to a single leader. Rather, if he could pass a portion of his light to thousands of others and send them to Jewish communities around the world, the light would be magnified exponentially. What might be suffered by a diminishing concentration of light could be made up for in great quantity. Each local Chabad leader — now numbering in the thousands — would shine as much light as possible into locations far and wide. Lighting a new candle never diminishes the light of the candle it's lit from. Together, these emissaries now spread more light than a single Rebbe ever could.

As Holocaust survivors become fewer in number, there is no choice but to pass the torch to present and future generations that will perpetuate their stories, memories, teachings, and understandings.

As Elie Wiesel famously stated, "When you listen to a witness, you become a witness."

In as much as that is one of the most important messages you can give to someone who hears directly from a witness, it can only, of course, be partially true. Despite my speaking to many Holocaust survivors, learning as much as I can about the sophisticated details of the Nazi Final Solution, and being the grandson of Holocaust victims who survived the tortures of Polish labor and death camps, no one standing before me who hears my explanation of events will ever see in my eyes what I could see in theirs.

Nonetheless, if thousands of second-, third-, and now fourth-generation descendants of survivors take the torch from those who survived through great courage and strength — with a true commitment and determination to sharing the light of our brave predecessors — we can succeed in taking the remembrance of the Holocaust and its lessons to even greater distances in the years to come.

Alex Traiman is managing director and Jerusalem Bureau Chief of Jewish News Syndicate.



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